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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 June 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-third special session

10 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: debate:

His Excellency The Right Honourable Lt. Gen. Christon Tembo, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia

His Excellency Mr. Hasan Gemici, Minister of State of Turkey

Her Excellency Ms. Vilma Espín Guillois, Member of the Council of State of Cuba, President of the Cuban Women's Federation

Her Excellency Mrs. Ha Thi Khiet, Chairperson of the Committee for the Advancement of Women of Viet Nam

Her Excellency Mrs. Hedy Fry, Secretary of State, Status of Women, Canada

Her Excellency Ms. Francesca Michelotti, Minister for Internal Affairs and Justice of San Marino

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its twenty-third special session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/107 (Part II)).

Her Excellency Mrs. Olga Darel, Minister for Social Protection of Belarus

Her Excellency The Honourable Katia Bellilo, Minister for Equal Opportunities of Italy

Her Excellency The Honourable Indranie Chandarpal, Minister of Human Services and Social Security of Guyana

His Excellency Mr. John O'Donoghue, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform of Ireland

Her Excellency Ms. Zobaida Jalal, Minister for Women's Development, Social Welfare and Special Education of Pakistan

Her Exellency Mrs. Shahrizat Abdul Jolil, Deputy Minister, Office of the Prime Minister of Malaysia

Her Excellency Mrs. Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska, Assistant Minister for Internal Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mrs. Suzan Mubarak, President of the National Council for Women, Chairperson of the Delegation of Egypt

His Excellency Mr. Win Mra, Chairman of the Delegation of Myanmar

His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Abulhasan, Chairman of the Delegation of Kuwait

His Excellency Mr. Lamuel Stanislaus, Chairman of the Delegation of Grenada

His Excellency Mr. Peter Dickson Donigi, Chairman of the Delegation of Papua New Guinea

3 p.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: debate:

Her Excellency Mrs. Yvonne Ravales-Resida, Minister for Regional Affairs of Suriname

Her Excellency Dr. Christine Bergmann, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany

His Excellency Mr. Peter Magvasi, Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Family of Slovakia

His Excellency Mr. Pall Petursson, Minister of Social Affairs of Iceland

Her Excellency The Honourable Portia Simpson-Miller, Minister of Tourism and Sport of Jamaica (with responsibility for Women's Affairs)

Her Excellency The Honourable Ms. Daphne Phillips, Minister of Culture and Gender Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago

His Excellency The Honourable Hamilton Lashley, Minister of Social Transformation of Barbados

His Excellency Mr. Kotbi Al-Mahdi, Minister of Social Planning of the Sudan

Her Excellency Mrs. Jaotody Noëline, Minister of Population, the Advancement of Women and Children of Madagascar

Her Excellency Mrs. Mintata Mint Hedeid, Secretary of State for the Status of Women of Mauritania

Her Excellency The Honourable Kamala Pant, Minister of State for Women, Children and Social Welfare of Nepal

Her Excellency Baroness Margaret Jay of Paddington, Minister for Women of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Leader of the House of Lords

Her Excellency Ms. Annelies Verstand-Bogaert, Secretary of State for Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands

His Excellency Mr. Lazaros Savvides, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order of Cyprus

Mrs. Nasly Lozano, Counsellor to the President of the Republic of Colombia

Ms. Maitha Salem Al-Shamsi, Adviser to Her Highness, the First Lady of the United Arab Emirates, President of the United Arab Emirates Women's Association

Her Excellency Mrs. Elisenda Vives, Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra

Ms. Sheila Roseau, Director for Gender Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

WORKING GROUP I

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the outcome document (A/S-23/2/Add.2, Parts I, II and III)

WORKING GROUP II

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 2
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the outcome document (A/S-23/2/Add.2, Part IV)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 June 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-third special session

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: debate:

Her Excellency The Honourable Wandira Kazibwe, Vice-President of the Republic of Uganda

Her Excellency Mrs. Laurette Onkelinx, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment of Belgium

Her Excellency Mrs. Lidia Gutu, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova

Her Excellency Ms. Mu Sochua, Minister for Women's and Veteran's Affairs of Cambodia

Her Excellency Mrs. Bruce Mariama Aribot, Minister for Social Affairs, Advancement of Women and Childhood of Guinea

Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Valerín, Minister for the Status of Women of Costa Rica

Her Excellency Mrs. Onechanh Thammavong, Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and President of the Lao Women's Union

Her Excellency The Honourable Aisha Ismail, Minister for Women's Affairs and Youth Development of Nigeria

His Excellency Mr. Christopher Matumbike, Vice-Minister of National Affairs, Employment Creation and Cooperatives of Zimbabwe

Her Excellency Mrs. Andrée Lahoud, Chairperson of the Delegation of Lebanon

His Excellency Mr. Rashid Alimov, Chairman of the Delegation of Tajikistan

Her Excellency Mrs. Yu Foo Yee Shoon, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Community Development of Singapore

Mrs. Guadalupe Gomez-Maganda, General Coordinator of the National Commission for Women of Mexico

Her Excellency Mrs. Amelou Benitez-Reyes, Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, the Philippines

Her Excellency Mrs. Ruth Cardoso, President, Council of "Comunidade Solidaria", Brazil

His Excellency Mr. John De Saram, Chairman of the Delegation of Sri Lanka

His Excellency Mr. Om Pradhan, Chairman of the Delegation of Bhutan

Mrs. Jewel Howard Taylor, Chairperson of the Delegation of Liberia

3 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: debate:

Her Excellency Ms. Željka Antunović, Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia

Her Excellency Mrs. Mary Banda, Minister of Gender, Youth and Community Services of Malawi

Her Excellency Mrs. Virgilia Matabele, Minister for Women's Affairs and Coordination of Social Action of Mozambique

His Excellency Mr. Eliuel Pretrick, Secretary for Health, Education and Social Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia

Her Excellency Mrs. Jeanne Dambendzet, Minister for Social Service, Administrative Reform and Advancement of Women of the Congo

Her Excellency Mrs. Constance Yaï, Minister of the Family and Advancement of Women of Côte d'Ivoire

Her Excellency Mrs. Diarra Afoussatou Thiero, Minister for the Advancement of Women of Mali

Her Excellency Mrs. Katrin Saks, Minister for Ethnic Relations of Estonia

Her Excellency Ms. Zahra Shojaei, Advisor to the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Head of the Centre for Women's Participation

His Excellency The Honourable Noah Katana Ngala, Minister for Home Affairs, Heritage and Sports of Kenya

Her Excellency Mrs. Maha Qanout, Minister of Culture of the Syrian Arab Republic

His Excellency Mr. Djamel Ould Abbas, Minister of National Solidarity of Algeria

Her Excellency The Honourable Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, Minister for Health, Family Affairs, Human Services and Gender Affairs of Saint Lucia

His Royal Highness Prince Sobandla Dlamini, Minister for Home Affairs of Swaziland

Her Excellency Ms. Karita Bekkemellen Orheim, Minister for Children and Family Affairs of Norway

Her Excellency Mrs. Gisèle Guigma, Minister for the Advancement of Women of Burkina Faso

Her Excellency The Honourable Helen D'Amato, MP, Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of Malta

Her Excellency Ms. Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Chairperson of the Delegation of Austria

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

WORKING GROUP I

10 a.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6
7 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 6

WORKING GROUP II

10 a.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 2
7 p.m. -	informal consultations	Conference Room 2

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Announcements

Texts of statements to be made in the debate in plenary should be delivered to a receiving area in the General Assembly Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Access will be through the 46th Street gate to the Visitors' Entrance, where delegates will be escorted up to the receiving desk.

The schedule of special events, to be held in connection with the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", can be obtained on the Internet at the following address: http://www. un.org/daw/followup/events.htm.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 2 June 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 74th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations

The representative of Zimbabwe, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.58.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on these agenda items, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.81.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Treatment of perennial activities

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.84.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Additional expenditures

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.76.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda sub-item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.58.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda sub-item.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Norway, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.59.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.69 introduced by the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the 72nd meeting held on 26 May 2000.

The representative of the United States made a statement and requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2,3 and 14.

Statements in explanation of position before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14 of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.69, which were retained by a recorded vote of 59 votes to 2, with 40 abstentions.

The representative of the United States then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.69 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 99 to 2.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Japan, Lebanon and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Liechtenstein).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.88 and draft decision A/C.5/54/L.94.

The representative of Kuwait made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution and the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.60 and orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States, Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Nigeria and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman also made a statement and suspended the meeting.

74th (resumed) meeting

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Administration Authority in Cambodia [132]

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala [148]

Following the suspension of the meeting, the Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chairman made a statement and introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.75.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.61.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.62.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.63.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.64.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.85.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.73.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.65.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police support Group [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.66.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [146]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.67.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti [147]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.70.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.74.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [150]

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [172]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of the Republic of Korea, coordinator of informal consultations on these agenda items, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.68.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Support account for peacekeeping operations

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew the attention of the Committee to corrections to be made in the Arabic version of the text.

The representative of Cuba made a statement and also drew the attention of the Committee to corrections to be made in the Spanish version of the text.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Pro-rated share of the Support Account and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi as well as amounts to be apportioned to each peacekeeping mission

In view of the adoption of the draft resolution on the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, the Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/63), which contained the amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission, including the prorated share of the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement and orally corrected the table annexed to document A/C.5/54/63. The Committee was informed that a corrigendum would be issued to document A/C.5/54/63.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the amounts set out in the table annexed to the note as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item 151 (a) at this stage.

(c) Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.77.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [173]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.78.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [175]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.79.

The representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of the organizational structure and the personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations Secretariat

The representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.86.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the resource requirements for the high-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.82

The representative of Singapore coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.82.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Cuba and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The Millennium Assembly

The Controller made a statement on the financial implications of the holding of the Millennium Assembly.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the information provided by the Controller.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reimbursement regarding contingent-owned equipment

The representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.92.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments

The representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, reported on the results of the informal consultations held on this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of India and the Republic of Korea.

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided to postpone consideration of this question to the early main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Action taken on certain items

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.93.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

The representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

The representative of Uganda introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83 on behalf of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda.

The Controller made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Canada, the United States and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union).

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee decided to postpone consideration of this question to a later date pending a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Closure of the second part of the resumed fifty-fourth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

Monday, 5 June 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-third sepcial session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the session by the Temporary President, the Chairman of the delegation of Namibia [1]

The Temporary President, H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia, declared open the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

The Temporary President then invited members of the General Assembly to observe one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/S-23/6)

The Temporary President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a letter from the Secretary-General (A/S-23/6) concerning the arrears of 38 Member States in the payment of their financial contribution to the United Nations.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

On the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the twenty-third special session would consist of the same members as those appointed for the fifty-fourth session of the Assembly, namely Austria, Bolivia, China, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America.

The Temporary President called attention to the fact that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the special session, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, and urged all members to submit the credentials of representatives to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

Election of the President of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly [4]

On the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the General Assembly elected the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab (Namibia), President of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

The President made a statement.

Statement by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/S-23/2 and Add.1 and 2 (Parts I-IV)) [5]

The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, Ms. Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania), made a statement in the course of which she introduced the report of the preparatory committee (A/S-23/2 and Add.1 and 2 (Parts I-IV)).

Oganization of the session: draft decision II (A/S-23/2) [6]

The General Assembly adopted draft decision II recommended by the preparatory committee in paragraph 57 of its report (A/S-23/2).

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the President informed members that the Vice-Presidents of the twenty-third special session would be the same as those of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly elected Algeria, Bolivia, China, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Grenada, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Lithuania, Monaco, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Seychelles, Tajikistan, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America Vice-Presidents of the twenty-third special session.

The President also informed members that the Chairpersons of the Main Committees of the fifty-fourth session would serve in the same capacity at the twenty-third special session. The General Assembly elected the following persons as Chairpersons of the Main Committees: First Committee: H.E. Mr. Raimundo González (Chile); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): H.E. Mr.

Sotirios Zackheos (Cyprus); Second Committee: H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti); Third Committee: H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška (Czech Republic); Fifth Committee: H.E. Ms. Penny Wensley (Australia); Sixth Committee: Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko (Lesotho).

The Assembly was further informed that in his absence, the Chairman of the Second Committee had designated Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, as Acting Chairman of that Committee for the duration of the twenty-third special session.

In adopting the recommendations of the preparatory committee, the Assembly established the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-Third Special Session.

In accordance with the recommendation of the preparatory committee adopted by the General Assembly, the President informed members that the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole would be a full member of the General Committee of the twenty-third special session.

Pursuant to the recommendation made by the preparatory committee that the Chairperson of the preparatory committee serve in the same capacity in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, the General Assembly elected Ms. Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania) as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

The General Committee of the twenty-third special session was thus fully constituted.

On the basis of the decision taken by the General Assembly, the President informed members that observers could make statements in the debate in the plenary.

The President also informed members that States members of specialized agencies that were not members of the United Nations, namely the Cook Islands, the Holy See, Niue, Switzerland and Tuvalu, could participate in the work of the twenty-third special session in the capacity of observers.

The President further informed members that associate members of the regional commissions, namely American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, the British Virgin Islands, the Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Hong Kong China, Macau China, Montserrat, the Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands could participate in the special session, in the same capacity of observer that applied to their participation in the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The President informed members that, without creating a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly, heads of United Nations programmes, specialized agencies and other entities in the United Nations system could make statements in the debate in plenary and that representatives of the United Nations system could make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

The President also informed members that, without creating a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly, given availability of time, a limited number of representatives of non-governmental organizations that were in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council could make statements in the debate in plenary and that representatives of non-governmental organizations could also make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole. The President further informed members that consultations regarding the selected list of non-governmental organizations to address the plenary were still continuing.

The President further informed the Assembly that, without creating a precedent for other special sessions of the Assembly, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women could participate in the debate in plenary.

In accordance with the decision adopted by the General Assembly, the President also informed members that there would be ten plenary meetings over the five-day period, with two meetings per day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The President reminded members that, on the basis of the decision adopted by the Assembly, the length of statements should not exceed 7 minutes so that all those inscribed on the list of speakers for a given meeting would be heard at that meeting.

Adoption of the agenda (A/S-23/1) [7]

The General Assembly decided to consider the provisional agenda of the twenty-third special session without referring it to the General Committee.

The Assembly then adopted the agenda as contained in document A/S-23/1 and as contained in draft decision I recommended by the preparatory committee in paragraph 57 of its report (A/S-23/2).

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the President informed members that all items would be considered directly in plenary and that agenda items 8 and 9 had also been allocated to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for consideration, on the understanding that the debate on the items would take place in plenary meeting.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action ; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: *debate*

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Ms. Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President of the Republic of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic; H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia; H.E. Mrs. Wu Yi, State Councillor of China; H.E. Mrs. Dilbar Gulyamova, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan; H.E. Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Minister, Department of Public Service and Administration of South Africa; H.E. Mrs. Adriana Delpiano, Minister for Women's Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mrs. Maria de Belém Roseira, Minister for Equality of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey); H.E. The Hon. Mary Nagu, Minister for Community Development, Women's Affairs and Children of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mrs. Suzanna Stanik, Minister of Justice of Ukraine; H.E. Mrs. Neziha Zarrouk, Minister for Women's and Family Affairs of Tunisia.

2nd plenary meeting

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9]: *debate*

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mrs. Sumiko Iwao, Chairperson of the Delegation of Japan; H.E. The Hon. Zinatun Nesa Talukdar, State Minister for Women's and Children Affairs of Bangladesh; H.E. The Hon. Jocelyn Newman, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women of Australia; H.E. Mrs. Margareta Winberg, Minister for Gender Equality of Sweden; H.E. Mrs. Cristian Munduate, Minister, Secretariat for Social Welfare of the Presidency of Guatemala; H.E. Mrs. Lourdes Maria Rodríguez de Flores, Secretary of the Family of El Salvador; H.E. Khunying Supatra Masdit, Minister, Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand; H.E. Mrs. Marie Josée Jacobs, Minister for the Advancement of Women of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for External Relations of Angola; H.E. Ms. Paik Kyung-nam, Chairperson of the Presidential Commission on Women's Affairs of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Dr. Andrea Willi, Minister for Family Affairs and Equality between Men and Women of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mrs. Dalia Itzik, Minister of the Environment of Israel; H.E. Mr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Minister of Human Resource Development of India; H.E. Mrs. Nicole Pery, Secretary of State for Women's Rights and Professional Training of France; H.E. Mr. Rimantas Kairelis, Vice-Minister of Social Security and Labour of Lithuania; H.E. Mrs. Norica Nicolai, Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour of Romania; H.E. Mrs. Concepcion Dancausa Treviño, Secretary-General for Social Affairs of Spain; H.E. Ms. Effi Bekou-Balta, Secretary-General for Gender Equality of Greece; H.E. Mrs. Galina Karelova, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Development of the Russian Federation; Mrs. Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings, Chairperson of the Delegation of Ghana.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

1st meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee, Ms. Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania), who also made a statement.

The Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women addressed the Committee of the Whole.

Election of officers

The Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, the following Vice-Chairpersons: Ms. Aicha Afifi (Morocco), Mr. Asith Bhattacharjee (India), Ms Patricia Flor (Germany), Ms. Misako Kaji (Japan), Ms. Sonia R. Leonce-Carryl (St-Lucia), Ms. Mónica Martínez (Ecuador), Ms. Kirsten Mlacak (Canada), Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite (Lithuania) and Ms. Dubravka Simonovic (Croatia). The Ad Hoc Committee agreed that Ms. Martínez (Ecuador) would also serve as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Following statements by the representatives of Chile, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for the Holy See, the Ad Hoc Committee approved its organization of work as contained in an informal paper.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action [8]

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [9]

The Ad Hoc Committee began its general discussion on the items.

The representative of Mauritius (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) made a statement.

The representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made statements.

Statements were made by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the World Food Programme, the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention.

A statement was also made by the representatives of the All India Women's Conference (also on behalf of the Society for International Development, International Psychoanalytical Association Arab American University Graduates and the Union of Arab Lawyers) a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Organization of work

The Chairperson informed the Ad Hoc Committee that its work would be divided into two parallel Working Groups: Working Group I, under the chairmanship of Ms. Kirsten Mlacak (Canada) would meet in Conference Room 6 and Working Group II, under the chairmanship of Mr. Asith Bhattacharjee (India), would meet in Conference Room 2.

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